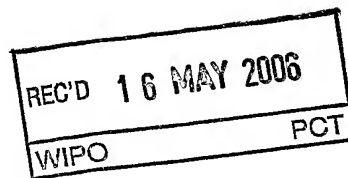


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-9</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>3-5</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-2, 6-9</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-9</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 5785636 A

D2: DE 29613795 U1

D3: WO 9958761 A1

D1 discloses an inner non-rotating structure of the roll of a papermaking machine press, the roll comprising a roll shell (14) comprised of composite material rotating around the inner structure (15).

The invention defined in claim 1 differs from the known structure in that instead of a roll shell comprised of composite material the structure is at least partly comprised of composite material.

However, D2 discloses a roll comprising a roll shell (10) connected to a rotating shaft (12, 32) at least partly comprised of composite material (refer to claims 1-4).

It would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to use the knowledge from document D2 to modify the structure according to document D1, thereby obtaining the invention defined in claim 1.

According to the arguments stated above, the invention defined in claim 1 is novel but is not considered to involve an inventive step.

D2 (refer to claim 3) also discloses the characterising part of claim 2.

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Claim 2, therefore, lacks inventive step.

With knowledge of the above mentioned documents together with document D3, which discloses a suction roll comprising a shell (1) designed as a composite structure, claims 6-8 only contain such features which seem obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Claim 9 only seems to contain such technical features which a person skilled in the art would regard as normal design possibilities.

Claims 6-9, therefore, lack inventive step.

The invention defined in claims 3-5 is, however, novel, has industrial applicability and is considered to involve an inventive step.